

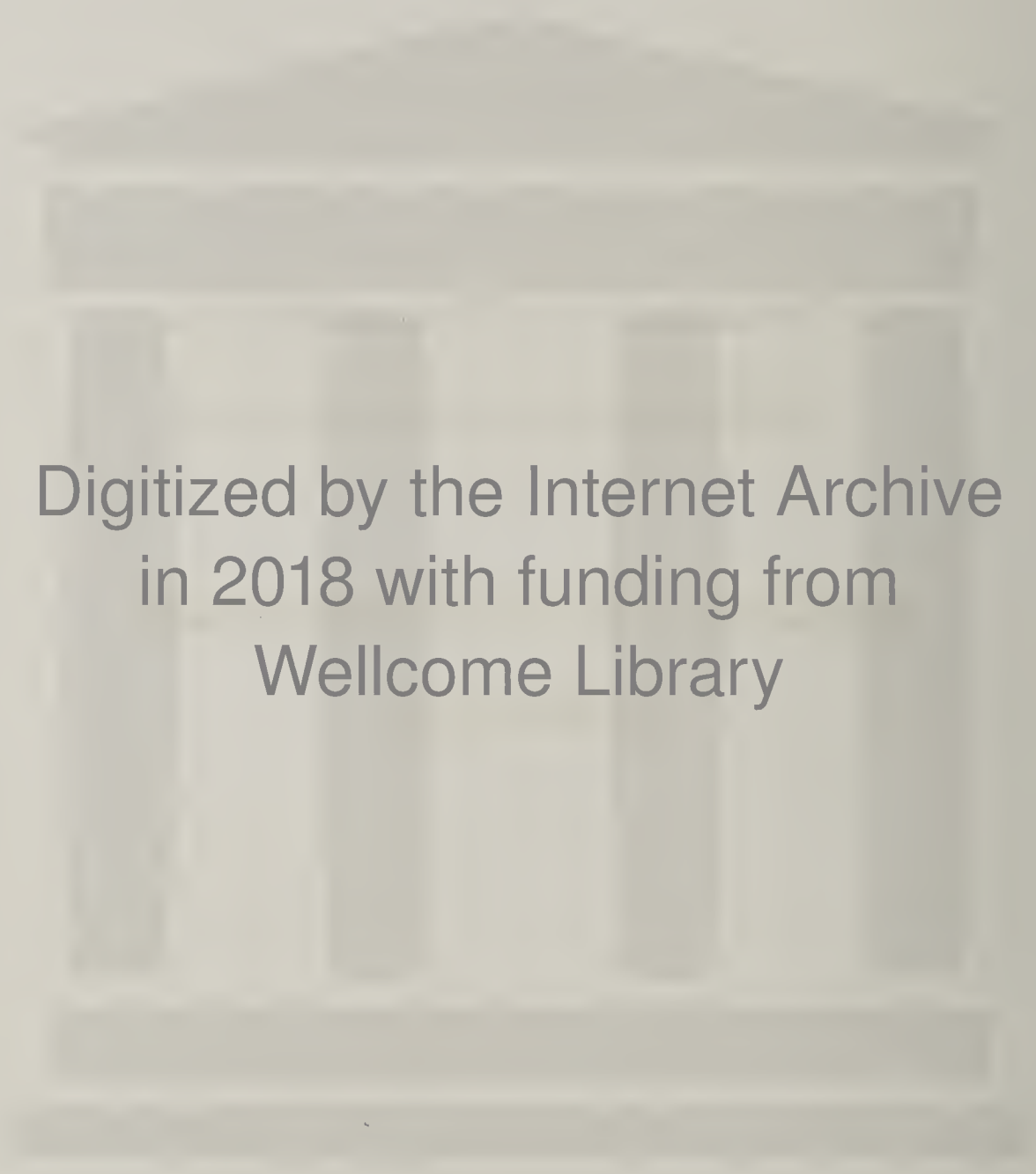
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May, 1968.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report for 1967.

Steady progress has been made in bringing together into a single team, various members of the County Health Department operating at divisional level. This can only lead to an improvement in the services to the public, will decrease the professional isolation of some staff and enable all sections to contribute, within the framework of the policy laid down by the County Medical Officer, to the development of our services within the Division. In this connection I particularly welcome the Area Mental Welfare Officer's contribution to this report.

With effect from 1st October, 1967, I was appointed Divisional Medical Officer to the Runcorn Division in addition to Mid-Cheshire. This reflects a changing policy, in which Division Medical Officer's will be relieved of routine administrative duties, and be enabled to devote more time to purely medical administration and the development of a community health programme. Given this change in policy it is possible to adequately cope with two Divisions with the assurance that in the event of any major emergency, additional assistance will be available from the County Council's medical staff.

With the proposed appointment of an Area Nursing Officer in 1968 who will cover both Divisions, one sees developing a management team of senior officers under the leadership of the Divisional Medical Officer, responsible for the day to day management of an integrated Health Service team - a very necessary prerequisite to close liaison with the hospital and general practitioner services.

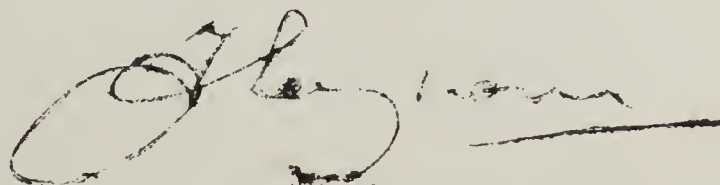
The year has been one of steady expansion of most of our services. This does not apply to the Child Welfare Clinics and I look forward to the results of the current re-appraisal of their function by the County Medical Officer.

It is pleasing to note that considerable progress has been made in improving the facilities for the handicapped. Now that a much closer liaison exists with the Mental Welfare Section it will be possible to move towards the joint use of certain of these facilities e.g. the proposed Work Centre. This will be of considerable benefit to the patient who is well on the way to recovery from a mental illness but not yet fit to return to normal work. For this to be a success there will have to be careful selection of patients and close contact with the Mental Welfare Officers. If our experience proves satisfactory there seems to be no reason why this joint participation in group activities should not be extended. This will depend, however, on the availability of trained staff having a knowledge of the particular problems of the mentally ill, to supervise the group.

I could not close this foreword without expressing my appreciation to the many voluntary workers whose invaluable assistance makes many of our services possible.

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to thank you for your interest and support during the year, and Mr. Durrad, Mr. Large and the members of the Divisional Staff for their co-operation and assistance.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,



Divisional Medical Officer

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N.S.P.C.C.						
Chief Public Health Inspectors,						
Society for Mentally Handicapped Children (Northwich Branch)						
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		Mrs. A. Wood
Part-time Occupational Therapist	-	Mrs. F. Ledson

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Superintendent	-	Mr. H. Boocock
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STAFF OF THE JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE

Supervisor	-	Mrs. D. Platt (Acting)
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Barnton	Mrs. A. M. Dorling, 30 Hayes Drive, Barnton.	Northwich 4080
Castle	*Mrs. P. M. Waterman, Lingmel, Chester Road, G/bank.	Northwich 4544
Delamere	Mrs. S. I. Evans, Fir Cottage, Cotebrook, Tarporley.	Little Budworth 418
Davenham	Miss M. Buckley, 437 London Road, Davenham.	Northwich 3027
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Lostock Gralam	*Mrs. I. M. Newsome, 20 Mere Road, Marston.	Comberbach 425
Marston	Mrs. W. Hudson, 2 Mere Close, Pickmere.	Pickmere 638
Middlewich	Mrs. M. Taylor, 32 Sutton Lane, Middlewich.	Middlewich 2350
Moulton	Miss V. R. Watts, 21 Eaton View, Moulton.	Winsford 2346
Sandiway	Miss J. Rigby, The Cottage, Glebe Road, Cuddington.	Sandiway 2252
Tarporley	Mrs. M. Stewart, 10 Eaton Road, Tarporley.	Tarporley 553
Weaverham	*Mrs. M. J. Jackson, 9 West Road, Weaverham.	Weaverham 2278
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	Miss I. A. Bremner, 204 Ways Green, Winsford.	Winsford 2548
	Miss P. M. Jones, 8 Wellfield, Wharton Road, W/ford.	Winsford 2766
	Mrs. N. M. Haynes, 32 Beechfield, Moulton, Northwich.	Winsford 2857
	Mrs. B. Thompson, 15 Townfield Crescent, Winsford.	Winsford 2519
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Male Nurse	*Mr. W. Hudson, 2 Mere Close, Pickmere.	Pickmere 638

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Barnton & Little Leigh	*Mrs. M. Reece, 26 George Street, Barnton.	
Middlewich	Mrs. V. M. Dutton, Walker's Green Farm, Sproston.	Middlewich 2174
Weaverham	*Mrs. D. Cooke, 2 Manor Grove, Hartford.	Northwich 5097
Witton	*Mrs. G. Stanway, 23 Beswicks Road, Northwich.	Northwich 5049
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Hartford & Castle	Mrs. R. Twiss, Hepworth Cottage, Beach Road, H/ford.	Northwich 4010
Winnington & Northwich	Miss D. I. Price, 38 Water Street, Northwich.	Northwich 2314

*Indicates District Nurse only.

CLINIC PROGRAMMES

LOSTOCK CLINIC, Lostock Social Club, Lostock

Health Visitor - Mrs. I. Harris

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Wednesday p.m.

PARKFIELD CLINIC, Middlewich Road, Rudheath, Northwich. Tel: Northwich 2186

Health Visitors - Mrs. I. Harris and Mrs. A. Harrison

Dentist - Mr. R. H. Hurst

Child Welfare Clinic - Thursday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd & 4th Wednesday a.m.

Midwives' Clinic (by arrangement) - Monday p.m.

Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Monday p.m.

Eye Clinics - 2nd & 3rd Thursday a.m. 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday a.m. & p.m.

E.N.T. Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd Tuesday

Audiology Clinic (Mr. Buckingham) (by arrangement) - Thursday a.m.

Cervical Smear Clinics - Monday a.m. and Friday a.m.

Child Guidance Clinic - Tuesday a.m. & p.m.

Speech Therapy - Wednesday p.m.

Audiology Clinic (Mrs. Martin) - Monday a.m.

DARLAND HOUSE CLINIC, Winnington Hill, Northwich. Tel: Northwich 4643

Health Visitors - Mrs. E. E. Conlin and Mrs. M. Robertshaw

Dentist - Mr. D. M. Dodd

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Friday a.m.

Paediatric Clinic - 4th Monday p.m.

Speech Therapy - Monday a.m. & p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday a.m. & p.m.

Mother's Club - 3rd Tuesday evening.

Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

DAVENHAM CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Davenham.

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourley

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Thursday p.m.

LEFTWICH CLINIC, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich.

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourley

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.

MOULTON CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Moulton.

Health Visitor - Mrs. J. Moger

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesday p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 1st Wednesday p.m.

Immunisation Session - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

MIDDLEWICH CLINIC, 85 Wheelock Street, Middlewich. Tel: Middlewich 2165

Health Visitors - Miss M. Barlow and Miss M. Gourley

Dentist - Mr. K. V. Shute. Tel: Middlewich 2596

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 2nd Thursday, p.m.

Screening Clinic - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, p.m.

Eye Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m. and 5th Thursday.

Dental Clinic - Monday & Friday a.m. & p.m. Wednesdays a.m. & p.m.

Midwives Clinic - last Wednesday in the month, p.m.

WEAVERHAM CLINIC, Church Lane, Weaverham. Tel: Weaverham 3177

Health Visitor - Mrs. B. Vintner

Dentist - Mr. G. H. Craine

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Monday p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Friday p.m. 2nd & 4th.

Midwives Clinic - Thursday p.m.

Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Thursday p.m.

Cerebral Palsy Clinic - Wednesday a.m. & p.m.

Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.

Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m.

Dental Clinic - Wednesday a.m. & p.m. and by arrangement

OVER CLINIC, Grange Community Centre, Grange Estate, Winsford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Brown

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.

Immunisation Sessions - 2nd & 4th Wednesday a.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.

WHARTON CLINIC, Crook Lane, Wharton, Winsford. Tel: Winsford 3213

Health Visitors - Mrs. M. Brown and Mrs. J. Moger

Dentist - Mrs. S. E. Scanlan.

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.

Midwives' Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesday p.m.

Eye Clinic - 2nd & 4th Thursday p.m., 2nd Tuesday a.m., 1st & 3rd Thursday a.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m.

Screening Clinic - 4th Thursday p.m.

Relaxation Clinic - Every Wednesday p.m.

Cervical Smear Clinic - Tuesday a.m.

Dental Clinic - Tuesday a.m. & p.m.

Immunisation & Vaccination Clinic - 1st & 3rd Wednesday 9.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
1st Friday 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

TARPORLEY CLINIC, Community Centre, Tarporley.

Health Visitor - Mrs. A. Corless

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Thursdays p.m.

Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m. (alternate months)

Young Children's Clinic - 4th Thursday a.m.

WEAVER STREET CLINIC, 98 Weaver Street, Winsford.

Tel: Winsford 2387

Health Visitor - Miss J. M. Gassick

Dentist - Mr. G. H. Craine

Child Welfare Clinic - Friday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m.

E.N.T. Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday, Tuesday & Friday.

Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m. & Thursday p.m.

Audiology Clinic (Mr. Buckingham) - Tuesday a.m.

SANDIWAY CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Sandiway.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Robertshaw

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st & 3rd Tuesday p.m.

Occasional Toddlers' Clinic, (by arrangements)

HARTFORD CLINIC, Methodist Chapel, Beach Road, Hartford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Robertshaw.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.

Occasional Toddlers' Clinic, (by arrangement)

BARNTON CLINIC, Brunner School, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.

Tel: Northwich 5639

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney

Dentist - Miss P. Gass Tel: Northwich 5527

Dental Clinic - Monday a.m. & p.m. Friday a.m. & p.m.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays p.m.

Eye Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd & 4th Wednesday a.m.

COMBERBACH CLINIC, Parish Hall, Comberbach.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney.

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday a.m.

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC ATTENDANCES

The table below gives the attendances at the various Child Welfare Clinics:-

	<u>NEW CASES</u>		<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCES</u>					
	<u>0 - 1 Year</u>		<u>0 - 1 Year</u>		<u>1 - 2 Years</u>		<u>2 - 5 Years</u>	
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Barnton	92	62	962	991	195	166	20	15
Comberbach ..	24	17	291	130	36	32	57	29
Davenham	30	27	342	372	96	104	67	63
Hartford	22	54	254	392	111	79	43	87
Leftwich	49	38	479	373	114	56	43	19
Lostock	56	47	439	470	101	72	48	45
Middlewich ..	155	137	1,881	1,468	303	379	181	266
Moulton	31	30	336	404	95	94	107	34
Darland House ..	98	108	1,479	1,625	336	373	134	239
Parkfield	181	164	2,031	2,110	277	209	106	58
Sandiway	96	89	645	843	142	141	93	83
Tarporley	41	46	451	402	193	114	213	156
Weaverham	125	136	2,107	2,071	383	385	301	266
Winsford	134	115	1,336	1,252	147	255	119	128
Winsford - Over	157	129	1,739	1,417	406	315	150	153
Winsford - Wharton	88	214	1,045	1,973	161	368	44	107
	<u>1,379</u>	<u>1,413</u>	<u>15,817</u>	<u>16,293</u>	<u>3,096</u>	<u>3,142</u>	<u>1,726</u>	<u>1,748</u>

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

There was a substantial drop in the sales of National Dried Milk and for the first time a reversal in the previously uniform annual increase in sales of Proprietary Foods. Food selling times have not been changed and undoubtedly the increasing development of supermarkets is affecting the sales. Mothers can now, in many cases, purchase baby foods at competitive prices when doing their normal shopping.

With the publication of the Sheldon Report on the future development of Child Welfare Centres, I hope that the policy of selling Proprietary Foods will be reviewed.

During the year it was possible to transfer responsibility for Welfare Food sales at Tarporley to the W.R.V.S. and I would like to express my appreciation to members of the W.R.V.S. for their assistance.

Year	<u>Value of Sales</u> <u>Proprietary Foods</u> <u>Sold only at Clinics</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Dried Milk</u> <u>(tins)</u>	<u>Orange</u> <u>Juice</u> <u>(bottles)</u>	<u>Cod</u> <u>Liver Oil</u> <u>(bottles)</u>	<u>A. & D.</u> <u>Tablets</u> <u>(packets)</u>
1967	£5,956	11,464	16,428	865	1,261
1966	£6,251	17,207	15,296	855	1,490
1965	£5,395	20,910	13,991	1,022	1,744
1964	£5,007	20,969	12,733	1,016	1,712
1954	£2,140	30,563	24,158	5,672	1,404

OLD PEOPLES HEALTH ADVISORY CLINICS

These clinics became well established during the year. Although the majority of people examined were generally in good health, a significant number of abnormalities were detected which were previously unknown both to the patient and their General Practitioner.

The following table gives details of attendances:-

<u>Address where clinic held</u>	<u>No. of clinics held</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>
Weaver Hall, London Road, Northwich	6	43
Comerbach Memorial Hall, Comerbach	3	33
Parkfield Clinic, Northwich	10	66
Darland House Clinic Northwich	10	54
Weaver Street Clinic, Winsford	1	7
Weaverham Clinic, Weaverham	5	29
Total	<u>35</u>	<u>232</u>

CERVICAL SMEAR CLINICS

There was a disappointing attendance at these clinics. From our records it is evident that the women in the groups which are at greatest risk, are those who attend least frequently. It is only by a personal approach that they can be persuaded to come and this must remain an important challenge to the Health Visitors, District Nurses and Midwives.

	<u>Parkfield Clinic</u>		<u>Wharton Clinic</u>	
	<u>Northwich</u>		<u>Winsford</u>	
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
No. of Sessions held ..	56	64	30	25
No. of new patients who attended ..	586	673	265	243
Result of examination:-				
a. Nothing abnormal ..	583	672	264	238
b. For further investigation ..	3	1	1	5
c. No. in b. found positive	2	1	1	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The table below gives details of the various infectious diseases notified in each Council area within the Division during 1966 and 1967:-

	1966					1967				
	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.
Dysentery	3	20	-	-	23	-	-	-	9	9
Measles	477	126	105	116	824	311	130	21	210	672
Pneumonia, Influenzal & Acute Lobar	1	-	1	-	2	2	-	-	2	4
Scarlet Fever	25	4	-	16	45	26	5	2	12	45
Respiratory Tuberculosis ..	3	3	1	5	12	1	1	1	1	4
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	1	1	9	-	4	19	32
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	3
Encephalitis	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	2
Paratyphoid Fever	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

Dysentery

The nine cases of Dysentery occurred in two related families with young children who spent a great deal of time together. Re-infections occurred amongst members of the families despite intensive visiting by the Public Health Inspector and Health Visitor and a period of nearly four months elapsed before we were able to say that the families were free from infection. Fortunately no cases occurred outside these families.

Encephalitis

Two cases of acute virus encephalitis which had occurred in Tarporley were notified in July.

Food Poisoning

Three members of a family in Cuddington were notified as suffering from suspected food poisoning. The suspected article of food was sausage but none of the batch consumed was left. No food poisoning organisms were isolated from the patients or samples of sausages taken from the original supplier.

TUBERCULOSIS

The review of the Tuberculosis Register was completed during the year, hence the fall in numbers.

<u>Year 1966</u>	<u>Northwich</u> <u>U.D.</u>		<u>Winsford</u> <u>U.D.</u>		<u>Middlewich</u> <u>U.D.</u>		<u>Northwich</u> <u>R.D.</u>	
	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.
New Cases Notified (including Transfers)	3	-	3	-	2	-	3	-
Deaths	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Recovered	3	-	8	2	1	-	12	2
Other removals from Register (left District etc.) ..	5	3	6	4	-	-	27	25
No. on Register at the end of 1966	26	5	37	10	10	2	72	28
No. on Register at the end of 1967	20	2	26	4	10	2	35	1

R - Respiratory N.R. - Non Respiratory

VACCINATION & IMMUNISATION

The number of children receiving booster immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Polio increased substantially. It is hoped that after the current O. & M. Survey it will be possible to increase still further the clerical time available for organising the school immunisation programme, this being the limiting factor in achieving the rapid completion of our major school immunisation scheme.

The vaccination and immunisation programme for the Division will shortly be transferred to the County Council Computer. The scheme will partially commence so far as Clinics are concerned in February and it is hoped that the majority of General Practitioners' immunisation clinics will be brought on to the computer during 1968.

Briefly the scheme operates as follows:-

The Health Visitor requests the consent of the parents to their child's immunisation. At the same time they indicate whether they wish the procedure to be carried out by their General Practitioner at his surgery or at a County Council clinic. This information is then fed into the computer and when the child is three months old, and subsequently, as required, the computer prints an appointment card which is sent to the parent. At the same time, a detailed list is sent to the General Practitioner or Clinic Doctor indicating the names of the children called for immunisation and giving details of the procedure to be carried out. Children who fail to attend are automatically sent up to three reminders, following which details of the child are sent to the Divisional Medical Officer in order that the Health Visitor can visit the family to discuss the matter with the parent.

This will give a considerable boost to the number of children immunised during their first year of life, and also to the eventual total percentage immunised.

Another change anticipated in 1968 is the introduction of Measles vaccination into the routine immunisation and vaccination programme.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Polio and Smallpox Vaccination

	<u>PRIMARY</u>		<u>BOOSTER</u>	
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Diphtheria	9	2	236	200
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough ..	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough & Tetanus	1,133	1,245	179	412
Diphtheria/Tetanus	303	174	426	917
Tetanus	1,044	1,091	66	155
Polio:				
Sabin Vaccine	1,546	1,515	1,321	1,921
Salk Vaccine	13	7	10	1
Smallpox:				
Under 1 year	89	58	-	-
1 - 5 years	375	424	22	15
School Children	103	44	65	36
	4,615	4,560	2,325	3,657

Total Number of Protective Procedures carried out for Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox & Polio

	<u>Total by G.P.'s</u>	<u>Total by Local Health Authority</u>
1966	3,327	3,613
1967	3,725	4,552
		4,492

<u>1965</u>	1,695 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria.
<u>1966</u>	2,286 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria.
<u>1967</u>	2,950 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria.
<u>1965</u>	1,912 children received primary or booster against Tetanus.
<u>1966</u>	3,151 children received primary or booster against Tetanus.
<u>1967</u>	3,994 children received primary or booster against Tetanus.
<u>1965</u>	3,050 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis.
<u>1966</u>	2,890 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis.
<u>1967</u>	3,444 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis.

B.C.G. VACCINATION

There was a welcome improvement in the numbers of parents consenting to their children receiving B.C.G. The increase in the percentage of children found to be Tuberculin positive was unexpected. However, the increase was not due to a startling rise in any one group of children, and no cases of active Tuberculosis were found in the Tuberculin positive group following investigations at the Chest Clinic.

Year	Children Eligible	Percentage of Parents Consenting	Percentage Abs. for Tests	Percentage Tuberculin Positive	Percentage Tuberculin Neg. & Vacc.
1961	806	70	13	30	70
1962	1,326	76	11	28	72
1963	1,453	83	14	21	79
1964	1,031	85	15	19	81
1965	1,518	87	12	19	81
1966	1,626	84	10	16	84
1967	1,516	87	7	20	80

SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The services for the physically handicapped continued to expand and I should again like to thank the various voluntary organisations for helping to make this expansion possible. In particular I must express my appreciation to Mrs. Litler and Mrs. Stott of the W.R.V.S. and Mrs. Rogerson and Mr. Rowley of the Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped.

Social Provisions

Social Club

This continues to meet on alternate weeks and has enjoyed a very varied programme. A particularly pleasing development has been the increasing acceptance by the Club Committee of responsibility for the progress of the Club. This Committee acts as an umbrella covering all the activities for the physically handicapped in the Division, so that in addition to acting as a liaison Committee, increasingly the Club representatives on the Committee are bringing forward new ideas for extending the scope of the services.

Handicraft Group

This has continued to thrive and towards the end of the year arrangements were made for the Club to meet weekly instead of fortnightly. It is staffed by two teachers supplied by the Education Department.

Cultural Evening Group

The programme was a little disrupted due to unavoidable changes of leaders for the music class. We were fortunate, however, in obtaining the services of Mr. Peartree, Music Master at Sir John Deane's Grammar School, who will, I am sure, make a great contribution to the development of this group. Mr. Rowley continues to take the art class, in addition to organising the transport rota.

Summer Holiday

The Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped organised the Annual Holiday and sixteen members and friends enjoyed a week at The Doric Hotel, Blackpool, during May. The Divisional Health Committee again made a contribution of £5 per member and paid the expenses of the Red Cross Nurse who accompanied the party.

Swimming Club

The Swimming Club commenced in May and at the close of the season fourteen members were attending. This could not possibly have functioned successfully without the close co-operation of Mr. Walton, Baths Manager, and members of the Swimming Club and voluntary helpers. In addition to Mr. Walton, Mrs. Johnson, one of our Occupational Therapists, assisted in the supervision of these sessions. Before a patient is accepted the approval of his own Doctor is obtained.

This extension of the services for the physically handicapped has proved very successful and of immense value to the members attending.

Plans for the Future

Work Centre

To commence in January on one morning per week initially. This is a joint project with Captain Booth of the Salvation Army. The members who wish to attend have agreed that any financial benefits will be shared equally and look upon this group as merely an extension of their other group activities. This is a most interesting and gratifying attitude reflecting as it does, the spirit which has been engendered amongst the members of the Highfield Club.

The major problem of such a development is the provision of suitable contract work. To overcome this it is intended in the initial stages at least, to 'farm out' work from the Adult Training Centre to the Work Centre.

Plans for the Future

Games Sessions

The County Occupational Therapist is, at present, studying the development of games for the physically handicapped at a special session which is organised in the Physical Education Department of Keele University. I hope that it will be possible to use her knowledge to initiate a similar session in Mid-Cheshire in the autumn.

CLUB ATTENDANCES

	No. of members		No. of sessions		No. of attendances	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
Social	57	58	24	25	877	1,007
Handicraft						
Thursday	39	40	26	29	590	791
Monday	-	28	-	8	-	184
Evening	23	25	19	24	357	532

CAR BADGES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Persons who are seriously handicapped and can only walk a very limited distance are eligible to receive, on application, two stick-on car badges identifying them as physically handicapped. This scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Health in an effort to assist such drivers to receive extra consideration when parking, but it must be remembered that possession of the badges does not confirm any legal rights whatsoever.

Six applications were received during 1967.

ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY

The following table gives details of the number and cost of alterations during 1966 and 1967:-

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Number of alterations	14	24
Total cost to County Council ..	£337 15s. 0d.	£719 10s. 11d.

CARE AND AFTER CARE

Demand for aids and equipment for the sick and handicapped was heavy, particularly for wheelchairs (temporary need), commodes, bed pans, underpads and interliners.

Although many new items were purchased during the year there was, at times, a small waiting list for the more commonly used items.

	<u>EQUIPMENT ISSUED</u>	
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Number of items of equipment loaned	380	497
Number of underpads and interliners issued	14,524	18,950

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT

Five patients were sent for convalescent treatment during 1967.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

During 1967 there was an increase of 25% in the number of cases and a 21% increase in the hours provided compared with the previous year. Although the bulk of the additional hours was given to the over 65 age group, I anticipate a considerable increase in demand for assistance in maternity cases during 1968, principally due to the increase in population in Winsford.

The Good Neighbour Scheme was launched during 1967 and operated quite successfully in several carefully selected cases.

Inevitably, with rising costs, the maximum charge for the service was raised from 4/9d. to 5/6d. an hour on the 2nd October, 1967. The only other significant financial change during the year was the introduction of a new assessment scale and the abolition of the 'Future Recovery Scheme'.

Number of Domestic Helps employed at end of year:-

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
a. Whole time	Nil	Nil
b. Part-time	85	94
c. Equivalent whole time	26	27

	<u>1966</u>		<u>1967</u>	
	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Hours Worked</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Hours Worked</u>
Aged & Infirm	294	45,887	358	55,115
Others	14	1,163	24	1,283
Confinements	5	98	9	156
<u>Income:</u>	£2,112		£2,687	

CHIROPODY SERVICE

There was an increase of just over 5% in the number of patients treated compared with 1966. The only other significant change was the increase in home treatments.

	<u>Over 65</u>				<u>Physically Handicapped</u>			
	<u>Patients</u>		<u>Treatments</u>		<u>Patients</u>		<u>Treatments</u>	
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Surgery	364	352	1,853	1,855	15	12	75	50
Home Visit	320	372	1,399	1,654	35	37	187	148

In addition to these figures one expectant mother was treated during 1967.

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
No. of cases in which County Council paid full fees	638	676
No. of cases in which County Council paid half fees	96	97

MID-CHESHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

The function of a social work agency falls into three categories, work with individuals (casework); work with groups of people, for social therapeutic purposes (groupwork); and work with and in the community. Most cases referred to the Mental Health Service come direct from the General Practitioner, whilst others are referred from the Hospital Service. The Mental Welfare Officer works as part of a team with the General Practitioner and Hospital Services, and also works in liaison with the many other services that can be of assistance to the individual e.g. Ministries of Labour and Social Security, Children's and Welfare Departments, Domestic Help Service etc.

Work with individuals can lead to identifying problems which may be common to a number of people. When this happens then it is for the Service to try and meet the needs of this particular group. During the year it was felt that there was a need to form a social group in order to bring together people who needed stimulation through group activities, and so it was that in June, the Russett Social Club at Weaverham was started. It is attended by nearly thirty people who find it difficult to participate in social activities normally held in the community. It meets once a fortnight, and is attended by Dr. H. Eaton the Consultant Psychiatrist at Crossley Hospital, and also by Mental Welfare Officers.

With the agreement of the Northwich and District Handicapped Children's Society, the social club for the Adult Mentally Handicapped became the responsibility of a Committee with representatives from the Health Department, Youth Service and the Handicapped Children's Society. The purpose of the Club is to provide social activities for the Mentally Handicapped living in the Mid-Cheshire area, and many members travel to the Club by public transport. This is to be commended and encouraged, as it helps to build up confidence in the individual and helps him on the road to social independence. The Club meets once a fortnight at the Adult Training Centre, but the Management Committee of the Winnington House Youth Centre, Northwich, has agreed to the Club being held on its premises when their new Club comes into use early next year. The Management Committee has also agreed to its full-time leader Mr. Peter Belk assuming overall responsibility for the running of the Club. Attendance averages between thirty and thirty five per session and when the move to Winnington House takes place there will be a weekly meeting as opposed to fortnightly meetings at present.

Another provision which is being looked into for the younger mentally handicapped is a Play Group.

Employment provides many difficulties for people in the ordinary course of events, but for the handicapped there are additional difficulties. Their particular needs have to be taken into consideration and these can affect employer and staff as much as the patient. An aspect of the work of a Mental Welfare Officer which assumes considerable importance is the ability to stimulate the desire to work and having done this, to help find suitable employment for them. Co-operation with employers is very good in the area.

During the year the Service again took part in Mental Health Week, which is sponsored by National Voluntary Organisations connected with Mental Health and supported by Local Health Authorities. The emphasis on this occasion was on careers in the professions that make up the psychiatric service and on attracting recruits to do voluntary service. A Mental Health Week Committee was formed and this was Chaired by Mr. M. Burrows, Principal of Hartford College of Further Education. A portable careers exhibition was taken round the senior schools and at the end of the week there was a static exhibition at Hartford College. These aroused considerable interest. There were also two public meetings, one in Winsford and one in Northwich. These were not as well attended as the previous year and when considering the purport of the Theme for next year, it may be necessary to think of a different way to approach the public. The two Training Centres were also opened to the general public.

TRAINING CENTRES

JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE

Mrs. Platt, Supervisor of the Junior Training Centre reports as follows:

I can only submit a report covering the period 30th October - 31st December, 1967.

At the end of the year there were 77 children on the register comprised of 44 boys and 33 girls arranged as follows:-

	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Care Unit	2	6	4	10
Infants	2	7	10	17
Junior 1	1	8	5	13
Junior 2	2	12	8	20
Seniors	1	11	6	17

As a matter of interest 36 of these children are from the Runcorn, Stockton Heath, Sutton Weaver areas.

The mobile building which was erected in the grounds has been in operation during the year and serves as a classroom for Junior 2. This building is a great asset as the Main Hall can now be used by all classes as required.

The work of the Centre is devoted to enabling the children to progress as far as their limitations will allow. The approach to 3R work continues throughout whilst the children enjoy relaxation in music and movement, art and constructive play. Emphasis is paid to the development of good social behaviour by the children.

The usual Christmas celebrations were held and enjoyed by participants and spectators alike.

Girls from Hartford Secondary Modern School attend three mornings per week as part of their Social Studies programme and are very helpful. Our girls have enjoyed the pleasure of physical education at their school each Wednesday afternoon.

ADULT TRAINING CENTRE

Mr. Boocock, Superintendent of the Adult Training Centre reports as follows:

During the past year continued progress has been maintained in the social and work training programme at the Northwich Adult Training Centre. In the field of domestic and general housework skills, the adaptation of a small room into a flat has proved a great success. Encouragement of self-help and pride in achievement is evident in the attitudes of trainees to this innovation.

Whilst social and work activities continue to progress together, physical education is by no means neglected. P.E. sessions are geared to the trainees capabilities to enable them to gain the maximum benefits both physically and educationally, i.e. spatial judgement, perception and anticipation.

At all times trainees are encouraged in speech and to express their own particular viewpoint in all subjects.

The work training programme encompasses a wide variety of skills, each with a definite value. Craft activities include woodwork, upholstery and decorative wire manipulation. Industrial contract work is also executed by trainees - such work provides an identification with industry and helps to infuse trainees with a sense of community.

The standard of work in all operations is high and output in the assembly of electrical components has increased well beyond initial expectations.

Full integration of the sexes is incorporated in all activities and the value of this is reflected in improved social behaviour.

December saw the event of the annual Xmas Party and everyone, without exception, thoroughly enjoyed the festivities.

The following table shows the number of trainees which include nine from Runcorn and ten from Wrenbury Hall, in relation to staff:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mrs. Smith	-	11	11
Mrs. Duffy	9	5	14
Mr. Wilson	11	3	14
Mr. Simpson	14	4	18
Miss Birtwistle	-	10	10
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	34	33	67
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FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

Family Planning Association clinics are held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 7.00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. at the Victoria Infirmary, Northwich.

LUNCHEON CLUBS

Luncheon Clubs are held at Northwich, Barnton, Comberbach, Cuddington, Sandiway and Hartford. Applications to The Secretary, Northwich Council of Social Service, The Salt Museum, Northwich. (Tel. No. Northwich 2393).

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Council of Social Service and
Citizens Advice Bureau,
Northwich.

Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum,
Witton Street, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2393

Citizens Advice Bureau,
Winsford.

Mrs. Gott, The Rates Office,
Town Bridge, High Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2706

MEALS-ON-WHEELS - Information regarding this service should be requested from:-

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| Northwich Urban District | - The Centre Organiser (Mrs. Rolfe),
W.R.V.S. Office, 51 Witton Street, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2593 |
| Northwich Rural District | - The Centre Organiser (Mrs. Crill),
Home Address - Box Hedge, Acton Bridge,
Northwich. Tel. No. Weaverham 3147 |
| Winsford Urban District | - The Centre Organiser (Mrs. Heaton),
W.R.V.S. Office, 8 Weaver Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2427 |
| Middlewich Urban District | - Mrs. R. W. Drake, (Meals-on-Wheels Officer),
Chancery Cottage, Birch Lane, Middlewich.
Tel. No. Middlewich 3232 |

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUBS

Secretary

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| Barnton Old Friends' Club,
Lydyett Lane, Barnton. | Mrs. Jackson,
57 Mond Street, Barnton, Northwich. |
| Castle & Winnington Old Friends' Club,
Barbers Lane, Queensgate, Northwich. | Mrs. Shaw,
7 Darwin Street, Castle, Northwich. |
| Comberbach & Marbury Over 60's Club,
Memorial Hall, Comberbach, Northwich. | Mrs. Kellett,
'Freeleen', Marbury Road, Comberbach,
Northwich. |
| Cuddington & Sandiway Old Friends' Club,
Church Hall, Sandiway, Northwich. | Mrs. Tomkinson,
'Kedah', Chester Road, Sandiway.,
Northwich. |
| Darby & Joan Club, W.R.V.S. Civil
Defence Centre, Hayhurst Street,
Northwich. | Mrs. Lyle,
Heathfield, Chester Road, Hartford,
Northwich. |
| Davenham Old Friends' Club,
Davenham Social Club, Firth Fields,
Davenham. | Mrs. Rowe,
29 Firth Fields, Davenham, Northwich. |

Hartford Over 60's Club,
Hartford Church Hall, Hartford,
Northwich.

Leftwich Estate Over 60's Club,
Farm of the Good Shepherd,
Leftwich, Northwich.

Lostock Gralam Monday Club,
Lostock Social Club, Lostock,
Northwich.

Moulton Old Friends' Club,
Moulton Church Hall, Moulton,
Northwich.

Northwich Pensioners' Association,
Gladstone Club, Northwich.

Rudheath Old Friends' Club,
Youth Club, Rudheath, Northwich.

Tarporley Autumn Club, Community
Centre, Tarporley, Cheshire.

Weaverham Old Friends' Club,
Weaverham Church Hall, Weaverham,
Northwich.

Whitegate Old Friends' Club,
Whitegate Recreation Club,
Whitegate, Northwich.

Wincham Old Friends' Club,
Wincham Church School,
Wincham, Northwich.

Witton - Darby & Joan Club,
Bourne Methodist School Room,
Witton Street, Northwich.

Winnington House Veterans' Club,
Castle Park Dairies, Castle,
Northwich.

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Over 60's Club, The Institute,
Queen Street, Middlewich.

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Darby & Joan Club,
Methodist Sunday School Rooms,
Wharton Road, Winsford.

Evergreen Club,
The Community Centre, Grange Estate,
Winsford.

Monday Club,
Willow Wood Community Centre,
Wharton, Winsford.

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Mrs. Griffiths,
149 Chester Road, Northwich.

Mrs. Lewis,
43 Meadow Grove, Leftwich,
Northwich.

Mrs. Morris,
3 Prospect Drive, Davenham,
Northwich.

Mrs. Corwood,
Mere Bank House, Davenham,
Northwich.

Mr. Hornbuckle,
3 St. John's Close, Rudheath,
Northwich.

Mrs. Stubbs,
'Inglewood', King Street, Rudheath,
Northwich.

Mrs. Wilkinson,
Clifton House, High Street,
Tarporley, Cheshire.

Mrs. Marshall,
56 Keepers Lane, Weaverham,
Northwich.

Mrs. Leadbeater,
'Wood End Cottage', Whitegate,
Northwich.

Mr. Smith,
106 Pickmere Lane, Wincham,
Northwich.

Mrs. Skellon,
46 Victoria Road, Northwich.

Mr. Hatton, . . .
'Woodgarth', Townfield Lane,
BARNTON, Northwich.

Mrs. M. Hall,
75 Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

Mrs. J. Hulse,
221 Crook Lane, Winsford.

Mrs. E. Mundie,
22 Moss Bank, Winsford.

Mrs. Marshall,
'Wersencroft House',
Crook Lane, Winsford.

Club Rooms open daily in Middlewich

Fountain Field Sports Ground, building adjacent to the Bowling and Putting Greens.

Room adjacent to the Chadwick Fields Home, newspapers and periodicals available, also the use of a small billiard table and other games.

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HEALTH SERVICES

Details of Clubs etc. for the Physically Handicapped - further information being available on request from the Divisional Medical Officer:-

Handicrafts
Social Club
Music and Art
Swimming
Work Centre

Information concerning Elderly Persons Health Advisory Clinics, Cervical Smear Clinics, Domestic Help Service, Chiropody Treatment, Convalescence, Vaccination and Immunisation and services for the Physically Handicapped is also obtainable from the Divisional Medical Office, tel. no. Northwich 4251/2.

AREA MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER

- Mr. G. H. Howard,
Brunner Guildhall,
High Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 3346

Details of Clubs etc. for the Mentally Handicapped - further information being available from Mr. Howard:-

Social Club	-	Adult Training Centre, David Street, Northwich. (Fortnightly)
Play Group	-	Junior Training Centre, David Street, Northwich. (Monthly)
Russett Social Club	-	Weaverham Clinic, Church Lane, Weaverham. (Fortnightly)

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Area Welfare Officer

Miss J. Scott,
Weaver Hall, London Road, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 3951

Area Children's Officer,
Children's Department.

Miss M. D. Pierce,
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Tel. No. Northwich 5243

Mid-Cheshire Association for the
Physically Handicapped.

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. M. Rogerson
'Little Moss', Cinder Hill, Whitegate,
Northwich.
Tel. No. Sandiway 2215

N.S.P.C.C.

Inspector A. R. Moores,
12 Moss Road, Winnington, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 4134

Chief Public Health Inspectors:-

Mr. J. S. Carrie,
Northwich Rural District Council,
Council Offices, Whitehall,
Hartford, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 4274

Mr. T. H. Rogerson,
Winsford Urban District Council,
Over Hall, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2021

Mr. T. Baines,
Northwich Urban District Council,
The Council House, Church Road,
Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2334

Mr. F. C. Costello,
Middlewich Urban District Council,
Lewin Street, Middlewich.
Tel. No. Middlewich 2571

Northwich Branch,
Society for Mentally Handicapped
Children.

Mrs. Preece,
61 Bradbury Road, Winsford, Cheshire.

Moral Welfare

Miss E. M. Mann,
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Tel. No. Winsford 2684

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